

I believe the proposal presented in RM-10805 harms the interests of the Amateur Radio Service and would diminish the effective and efficient use of limited available HF spectrum. Therefore, I oppose it. My principle concern is that this proposal blurs the distinctions between the purposes of technician and general license classes. The technician class affords an opportunity for experimentation - especially in modes that might cause interference on the HF bands due to their bandwidth, for example. The general class, on the other hand is intended, I believe, to allow access to broad, but basic, communication privileges (rather than experimentation resources). Having been a technician at a stage in my ham career, I found tech privileges exactly matched my interests at that time. When my interests expanded to include more HF communication, I learned new skills and obtained an appropriate (General class) license.

Sincerely,  
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